

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE $\underline{\text{CITY OF GUTHRIE}}$

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

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CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

To the People of Kentucky
Honorable Paul E. Patton, Governor
John P. McCarty, Secretary
Finance and Administration Cabinet
Sarah Jane Schaaf, Secretary, Revenue Cabinet
Honorable Scott Marshall, Mayor
Members of the Guthrie City Council

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the City of Guthrie, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Guthrie's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City of Guthrie as of June 30, 1998, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary and similar trust fund types for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the City of Guthrie taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund and account group financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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Based on our previous report, total misappropriated funds for fiscal years 1997 and 1998 was \$69,409. The former clerk has been relieved of her duties, entered into a plea agreement, and made restitution as required by the Todd Circuit Court.

Based on the results of our audit, we present a schedule of Comments and Recommendations, included herein, which discusses the following areas of noncompliance:

- The City Should Have Required Depository Institutions To Pledge Additional Securities Of \$143,270 As Collateral And Enter Into A Written Agreement To Protect Deposits
- The City Failed To Maintain Adequate Controls To Safeguard Assets
- The City Should Follow Proper Bidding Procedures
- The City Should Discontinue The Practice Of Making Loans To Employees
- The City Should Reimburse The Municipal Aid Fund For General Operating Expenses
- The City Should File The Uniform Financial Information Report In A Timely Manner
- The City Should Maintain Proper Accounting Records That Will Produce A Complete Set Of Financial Statements
- The City Should Improve Its Policies And Procedures To Improve Controls Over The City's Operations

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated May 14, 1999, on our consideration of the City of Guthrie's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, and internal control over financial reporting.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed – May 14, 1999

CITY OF GUTHRIE OFFICIALS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

Scott Marshall Mayor

John P. Kirkham Attorney

Faye Shamblin Clerk

Willie Castle

Council Person

Jimmy Turner

Council Person

Jim Corns

Council Person

Laurin Morris

Council Person

George Winters

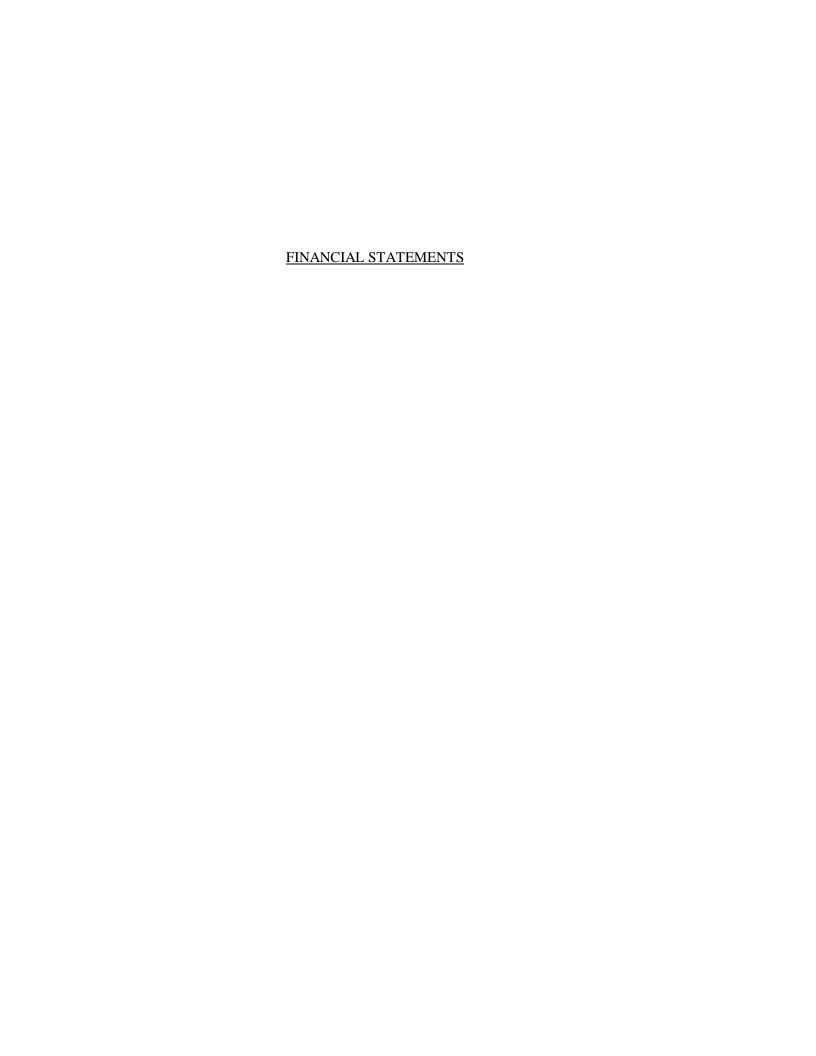
Council Person

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CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINED BALANCE SHEET – ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

June 30, 1998

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Assets	(General		evenue	Er	terprise	Agency	-	ed Assets	,	Only)
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Cash and Investments:											
Cash	\$	7,211	\$		\$	17,198	\$	\$		\$	24,409
Investments - Certificates											
of Deposit		29,474									29,474
Receivables, Net of Allowance											
For Uncollectibles:											
Delinquent Property Taxes		6,881									6,881
Customer Accounts						34,069					34,069
Accrued Interest						469					469
Other		10,407				3,514					13,921
Receivable - FEMA		868									868
Due From Other Fund		41,853				39,606					81,459
Receivable - Employees		3,178									3,178
Due from Bonding Company		38,482				5,585					44,067
Restricted Assets:											
Cash				10,346			1,467				11,813
Investments							97,832				97,832
Bond Sinking Fund -											
Cash						2,105					2,105
Depreciation Reserve Fund-											
Cash						3,447					3,447
Investments						255,745					255,745
Fixed Assets:											
Land and Easements						870			46,600		47,470
Plant and Lines					4	,077,975				4	1,077,975
Office Furniture and Equipment									21,329		21,329
Other Equipment						68,874			164,936		233,810
Other Buildings									101,430		101,430
Trash Compactor						20,299					20,299
Vehicles									19,604		19,604
Construction in Progress						282,155					282,155
Accumulated Depreciation					(1	,813,441)	 			(1	,813,441)
Total Assets	\$	138,354	\$	10,346	\$ 2	,998,470	\$ 99,299	\$	353,899	\$ 3	3,600,368

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINED BALANCE SHEET – ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS June 30, 1998 (Continued)

	C	Governmenta		Pr	oprietary Fund	Fu	iduciary and Type	ount Groups		Totals
Liabilities, Equity, and Other Credits	(General	Special Levenue	E	nterprise		rust and Agency	General ted Assets	(Me	morandum Only)
Liabilities:										
Accounts Payable	\$	1,357	\$	\$	218	\$		\$	\$	1,575
Accrued Payroll		2,461			7,900					10,361
Sales Tax					(2,114)					(2,114)
Due to Other Funds					25,952					25,952
Customer Deposits					59,586					59,586
Current Liabilities Payable from Restricted Assets:										
Revenue Bonds					8,000					8,000
Accrued Interest - Bonds					6,479					6,479
Long-Term Liabilities:					-,					~,
Kentucky Area Development-										
Capital Lease					300,000					300,000
Revenue Bonds			 		303,000			 		303,000
Total Liabilities	\$	3,818	\$ 0	\$	709,021	\$	0	\$ 0	\$	712,839
Equity and Other Credits										
Fund Balance:										
Reserved-										
Street Repair	\$		\$ 10,346	\$		\$		\$	\$	10,346
Cemetery							99,299			99,299
Unreserved-		134,536								134,536
Contributed Capital				2	2,931,293					2,931,293
Retained Earnings: Reserved-										
Bond Sinking Fund					(947,547)					(947,547)
Depreciation Fund					212,914					212,914
Unreserved					92,789					92,789
					ŕ					,
Investment in General										
Fixed Assets			 					 353,899		353,899
Total Equity and Other Credits	\$	134,536	\$ 10,346	\$ 2	2,289,449	\$	99,299	\$ 353,899	\$	2,887,529
Total Liabilities, Equity, and										
Other Credits	\$	138,354	\$ 10,346	\$ 2	2,998,470	\$	99,299	\$ 353,899	\$:	3,600,368

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

Revenues:	 General		
Property Taxes Payroll Taxes Privilege Licenses Insurance Tax Intergovernmental Revenues Interest Income Reimbursements Miscellaneous	\$ 104,307 66,166 20,109 37,377 45,821 1,624 28,123 958	\$	26,245 154
Total Revenues	\$ 304,485	\$	26,399
Expenditures:			
Current- Administration Police Department Street Department Fire Department Capital Expenditures Loss Due To Misappropriation of Funds	\$ 171,976 147,474 2,850 10,521 28,713	\$	3,925 844
Total Expenditures	\$ 373,144	\$	4,769
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (68,659)	\$	21,630
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Due To Other Funds Due From Other Funds Transfers From Other Funds Transfers To Other Funds	 (3,701) 41,853 120,877 (16,500)	\$	500 (37,832)
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures	\$ 73,870	\$	(15,702)
Fund Balance - July 1, 1997	 60,666		26,048
Fund Balance - June 30, 1998	\$ 134,536	\$	10,346

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL GENERAL FUND

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

Revenues:	Budget		. <u> </u>	Actual		(Over Budget)	
Property Taxes Licenses and Fees	\$	228,000 24,100	\$	207,850 20,109	\$	20,150 3,991	
Receipts From Other Governmental Units		45 205		45 921		(526)	
Charges for Services		45,295 353,100		45,821		(526) 353,100	
Other Revenues		51,000		30,705		20,295	
Total Revenues	\$		•	204 495	\$		
Total Revenues	<u> </u>	701,495	\$	304,485	Ф_	397,010	
Expenditures:							
Administration	\$	102,900	\$	171,976	\$	(69,076)	
Fire Department		7,550		10,521		(2,971)	
Police Department		144,174		147,474		(3,300)	
Street Department				2,850		(2,850)	
Recreation Department		9,410				9,410	
Capital Outlay		25,461		28,713		(3,252)	
Reserve for Contingencies		25,000				25,000	
Loss Due To Misappropriation							
of Funds				11,610		(11,610)	
Total Expenditures	\$	314,495	\$	373,144	\$	(58,649)	
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues							
Over Expenditures	\$	387,000	\$	(68,659)	\$	455,659	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Transfers From Other Funds				120,877		(120,877)	
Transfers To Other Funds				(16,500)		16,500	
Due To Other Funds				(3,701)		3,701	
Due From Other Funds				41,853		(41,853)	
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over							
Expenditures	\$	387,000	\$	73,870	\$	313,130	
Fund Balance - July 1, 1997		0		60,666		(60,666)	
Fund Balance - June 30, 1998	\$	387,000	\$	134,536	\$	252,464	

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TYPES

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

					⁷ ariance ler Budget	
Revenues:]	Budget	 Actual	(Over Budget)		
Interest Income State of Kentucky	\$	45,295	\$ 154 26,245	\$	(154) 19,050	
Total Revenues	\$	45,295	\$ 26,399	\$	18,896	
Expenditures:						
Current- Street Maintenance	_					
and Paving	\$	41,000	\$ 3,385	\$	37,615	
Contractual Service Equipment Maintenance and Repair		5,000 2,000	184 253		4,816 1,747	
Equipment Purchases		1,000	233		1,747	
Police Protection		1,000	844		(844)	
Miscellaneous			 103		(103)	
Total Expenditures	\$	49,000	\$ 4,769	\$	44,231	
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$	(3,705)	\$ 21,630	\$	(25,335)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfers From Other Funds			500		(500)	
Transfers To Other Funds			(37,832)		37,832	
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over						
Expenditures	\$	(3,705)	\$ (15,702)	\$	(19,407)	
Fund Balance - July 1, 1997		0	26,048		(26,048)	
Fund Balance - June 30, 1998	\$	(3,705)	\$ 10,346	\$	6,641	

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS/FUND BALANCE - ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

		oprietary nd Types	Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and Agency Funds		
Operating Revenues:	E	nterprise			
Charges for Services Tap-on Fees Sale of Bulk Water Sprinkler Charges Other Revenue Sanitation Fees	\$	372,901 4,550 972 441 1,733 1,998	\$	1.100	
Sale of Lots Perpetual Care				1,100 120	
Total Revenues	\$	382,595	\$	1,220	
Operating Expenditures:					
Salaries and Wages Employee Benefits Advertising Expense Legal and Accounting Services Well Lease Gas and Oil Office Supplies Dues and Publications Materials and Supplies Chemicals	\$	127,619 13,142 467 1,845 460 5,264 4,073 249 3,669 5,048	\$	1,502 245	
Lab Testing and Supplies Insurance Maintenance and Repairs Landfill Charges/Garbage Disposal Contractual Services Utilities Education/Training Travel Other Expenses Depreciation		6,129 102 44,741 54,292 1,233 23,753 1,298 44 13,414 116,905		180	
Total Expenditures	\$	423,747	\$	1,927	
Operating Revenue	\$	(41,152)	\$	(707)	

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS/FUND BALANCE - ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998 (Continued)

	Fund Types			Fund Types		
			Trust and			
Non Operating Income (Expenses):	E	Interprise	Agency Funds			
Interest Revenue	\$	15,138	\$	4,929		
Interest Expense		(30,457)				
Total Non Operating Income and						
(Expenses): Before Transfers	Ф	(15 210)	C	4.020		
(Expenses): Before Transfers	\$	(15,319)	\$	4,929		
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Transfer to Municipal						
Road Aid Fund	\$	(200)	\$			
Net Transfers to City						
General Fund		(68,536)				
Interest Paid From Sewer						
Operating Maintenance Fund		(6,694)				
Transfer From						
Municipal Road Aid Fund		500				
Expenses Paid for						
Other Funds		21,065				
Capital Expenditures				(10,000)		
Loss Due to Misappropriation				, , ,		
of Funds		(12,232)		(800)		
Total Other Financing						
Sources (Uses)	\$	(66,097)	\$	(10,800)		
Net Income	\$	(122,568)	\$	(6,578)		
Tet meone	Ψ	(122,300)	Ψ	(0,370)		
Retained Earnings -Fund Balance						
July 1, 1997		(519,276)		105,877		
Retained Earnings -Fund Balance						
June 30, 1998	\$	(641,844)	\$	99,299		

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS -ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

		oprietary nd Types	Fiduciary Fund Types			
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:	Enterprise		Trust and Agency Funds			
Net Income	\$	(41,152)	\$	(707)		
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities-						
Depreciation		116,905				
Increase In Accounts Receivable		(14,640)				
Increase In Due From Other Funds		(32,196)				
Increase (Decrease) In Accounts Payable		(46,330)				
Increase In Accrued Payroll Taxes		4,691				
Decrease In Sales Tax Payable		(2,464)				
Increase In Customer Deposits		4,527				
Increase In Due To Other Funds		13,985				
Loss Due To Misappropriation						
Of Funds		(12,232)		(800)		
Total Adjustments	\$	32,246	\$	(800)		
Net Cash Provided by						
Operating Activities	\$	(8,906)	\$	(1,507)		
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:						
Increase (Decrease) of Investments	\$	55,355	\$	(5,325)		
Interest on Investments		15,138		254		
Net Cash Provided by						
Investing Activities	\$	70,473	\$	(5,071)		
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities:						
Transfer To Other Funds	\$	(83,745)	\$			
Transfer From Other Funds		16,700				
Expenses Paid For Other Funds		20,296				
Net Cash Provided (Used) by						
Noncapital Financing Activities	\$	(46,749)	\$	0		

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS-ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998 (Continued)

Cook Elema From Cookal and Balada	Proprietary Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types Trust and		
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financial Activities:	E	nterprise	Agency Funds			
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Net Proceeds From Lease	\$	237,550	\$			
Interest Paid On Lease		(14,674)				
Principal Payments On Long-term Debt		(8,000)				
Interest Paid On Revenue Bonds		(15,783)				
Acquisition and Construction		(15,785)				
of Capital Assets		(182,007)				
or cupital rissols		(102,007)				
Net Cash Used for Capital						
and Related Financing Activities	\$	17,086	\$	0		
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and						
Cash Equivalents	\$	31,904	\$	(6,578)		
Cash and Cash Equivalents -July 1, 1997		246,591		105,877		
Cash and Cash Equivalents -June 30, 1998	\$	278,495	\$	99,299		
Cash and Cash Equivalents -Balance Sheet						
•						
Cash - Operating Account	\$	17,198	\$	1,467		
Investments - Restricted				97,832		
Cash - Bond Sinking Fund		2,105				
Cash - FHA Depreciation Reserves Account		3,447				
Investments - Depreciation Reserve Fund		255,745				
Cash - Retainages	\$	278,495	\$	99,299		
Supplemental Disclosure:						
Cash Paid During The Year For Interest	\$	37,318	\$	0		

CITY OF GUTHRIE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 1998

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The City of Guthrie (City), Kentucky, was incorporated as a city of the fifth class under the laws of the state of Kentucky. The City operates under a Mayor–Council form of government. In this form of government, the City is governed by an elected Mayor, an elected City Council, and by such other officers and employees provided for by statute or city ordinance. The City provides the following services: public safety (police and fire); highways and streets; cemetery maintenance; water, sewer and sanitation services; and general administrative services.

The accounting policies of the City conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard–setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

A. Reporting Entity

In evaluating how to define the City for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to, selection of the governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The other criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the City is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. The financial statements of the City consist only of the funds and account groups of the City.

B. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the City are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped in the financial statements in this report as follows:

Governmental Funds

General Fund – The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Governmental Funds (Continued)

Special Revenue Fund – The Special Revenue Fund accounts for revenues derived from earmarked revenue sources. The Municipal Aid Fund is used to account for revenue received from the State of Kentucky, and expenditures from this fund are restricted to additions and improvements to the City roads. The Local Government Economic Assistance Fund (LGEA) is used to account for revenue received from the State of Kentucky, and expenditures from this fund are restricted to items improving the health, welfare, or public safety of the citizens of the City.

Proprietary Funds

Enterprise Funds – The Water Works Fund, Sewer System Fund, and Sanitation Fund are used to account for the operations of the Water and Sewer Utility and Sanitation Enterprise Funds. Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations that are (a) financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the City is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis to be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the City has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Fiduciary Funds

Trust Fund – Trust Funds are used to account for and report resources that the City does not own, but holds in a trust capacity. Funds are received by the City to provide perpetual care for lots and graves at the cemetery. These funds are invested in savings accounts and certificates of deposit. The use of revenues derived from these investments is restricted to the furnishing of perpetual care.

Account Groups

General Fixed Asset Account Group – The account group is used to account for all fixed assets of the City, other than those accounted for in the Proprietary Funds. Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets, consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, roads, bridges, curbs, gutters, streets, sidewalks, drainage systems, and lighting systems, have not been capitalized. Such assets are normally immovable and of value only to the City; therefore, the purpose of stewardship for these items is satisfied without recording of these assets. General fixed assets have been acquired for general City purposes and, at the time of purchase, were recorded as expenditures in the General Fund. Such assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value on the date of donation. No depreciation is recorded on general fixed assets.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus. This means that all assets and all liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets. Their reported fund equity (net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Proprietary fund type operating statements present increase (revenues) and decreases (expenditures) in net total assets.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against their operations. Accumulated depreciation is reported on proprietary fund balance sheets. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Utility Plant40 yearsEquipment10 yearsTrash Compactor20 years

C. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is utilized in the Governmental Fund Types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available to finance expenditures of the current period. Property taxes are recorded as revenue when levied even though a portion of the taxes may be collected in subsequent years. All other revenues are recorded when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest on long-term debt.

All proprietary funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they are earned, and their expenses are recognized when they are incurred. Unbilled Water Works Fund, Sewer System Fund, and Sanitation Fund service receivables are not recorded at year-end.

D. Budgeting

The City follows the procedures established by the Department for Local Government pursuant to Section 91A.030 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes in establishing budgetary data. Budgets for all funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, except that depreciation, certain capital expenses, non-operating income and expense items are not considered.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E. Revenue Recognition – Property Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on October 1 and are due and payable at that time. All unpaid taxes levied October 1 become delinquent January 1 of the following year.

Property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. "Available" includes those property tax receivables expected to be collected within sixty days after year end. Delinquent taxes are considered uncollectible a year after the levied date. An allowance for uncollectible taxes is provided to account for any amounts considered uncollectible. As of June 30, 1998, the allowance account has a balance of \$7,995.

F. Total Columns on Combined Statements - Overview

Total columns on the Combined Statements – Overview are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with general accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

G. Deposits

The City maintains deposits with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). According to law, the depository institution should pledge sufficient securities as collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge of securities should be evidenced by an agreement that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution. This agreement, signed by both parties, must be sufficient to create an enforceable and perfected security interest in the collateral under Kentucky law. As of June 30, 1998, the bank balances were fully insured or collateralized with securities held by a third party bank in the City's name. As of July 1, 1997, the uncollateralized amount on deposit was \$143,270. The pledged securities and FDIC insurance did not equal or exceed the amount on deposit. In addition, the City did not have a written agreement with the depository institution.

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

G. Deposits (Continued)

The City's deposits are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the county as of July 1, 1997. Deposits – It is the City's policy for deposits to be 100% secured by collateral valued at market or par, whichever is lower, less the amount of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance. The categories are described as follows:

Category 1 – Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution or by its agent in the entity's name.

Category 2 – Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name.

Category 3 – Uncollateralized.

Deposits, categorized by level of risk, are:

	Bank Balance			
Category 1 - Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution or by its agent in the entity's name	\$	620,206		
Category 3 - Uncollateralized and uninsured		143,270		
Total	\$	763,476		

Note 2. Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in General Fixed Assets during the reporting period:

	Balance July 1, 1997		A	Additions	Delet	ions	Balance e 30, 1998
Land	\$	36,600	\$	10,000	\$		\$ 46,600
Office Furniture and Equipment		20,745		584			21,329
Equipment		163,237		1,699			164,936
Buildings		88,559		12,871			101,430
Vehicles		6,045		13,559			 19,604
Totals	\$	315,186	\$	38,713	\$	0	\$ 353,899

Note 2. Fixed Assets (Continued)

A summary of changes in Proprietary Fund Assets during the reporting period:

	Balance July 1, 1997		Additions		Deletions		Balance June 30, 1998	
Easements	\$	870	\$		\$		\$	870
Plant and Lines		4,057,519		20,456				4,077,975
Other Equipment		68,874						68,874
Trash Compactor		20,299						20,299
Construction								
in Progress		120,605		161,550				282,155
Totals	\$	4,268,167	\$	182,006	\$	0	\$	4,450,173
Less Accumulated								
Depreciation		1,696,535		116,906				1,813,441
Net Assets	\$	2,571,632	\$	65,100	\$	0	\$	2,636,732

Note 3. Long-Term Debt

Proprietary Fund:

The following is a summary of bonds payable of the City for the year ended June 30, 1998:

	P	ayable at]	Balance	
	Jul	y 1, 1997	A	lditions	Re	ductions	June 30, 1998		
1980 Series									
Sewer Bonds	\$	319,000	\$	0_	\$	8,000	\$	311,000	

1980 Series Sewer Bonds

An ordinance, adopted November 3, 1980, authorized the issuance and sale of \$394,000 of City water and sewer revenue bonds of 1980 for the purpose of financing the cost of the construction of a new sewer system. The proceeds from the sale of the bonds were supplemented by a Farmers Home Administration grant and an Environmental Protection Agency grant. The bonds, dated February 1, 1981 and numbered 1 through 394 in denominations of \$1,000 each, are due and payable annually in numerical order on February 1, 1984 through February 1, 2020, with interest of 5 percent per annum.

Note 3. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

Proprietary Fund:

The annual requirements to amortize all bonded debt outstanding as of June 30, 1998 are:

	Fiscal Year June 30	 Interest	Principal	Total Payments
	1999	\$ 15,383	\$ 8,000	\$ 23,383
	2000	14,983	8,000	22,983
	2001	14,562	9,000	23,562
	2002	14,112	9,000	23,112
	2003	13,642	10,000	23,642
Remaining Principal and Interest		 131,539	267,000	398,539
Totals		\$ 204,221	\$ 311,000	\$ 515,221

Note 4. Short-Term Debt

On June 30, 1997, the City entered into a \$300,000 loan agreement with Kentucky Area Development District (KADD) under the <u>KADD 1996 Small Issuer's Loan Program</u>. The loan was for the completion of the Tiny Town sewer extension. The loan is to be repaid as follows:

Fiscal Year June 30		Interest		Principal		Total Payments
1998	\$	14,674	\$	0	\$	14,674
1999	Ψ	15,960	Ψ	Ü	Ψ	15,960
2000		15,960				15,960
2001		7,980		300,000		307,980
Totals	\$	54,574	\$	300,000	\$	354,574

Note 5. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the City of Guthrie considers all highly liquid debt instruments (included restricted assets) purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Note 6. Cops Grant

In May 1995, the City was awarded an Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant from the U. S. Department of Justice. The award of \$40,386 is to be paid over a three-year period and is to be used to hire an additional police officer. The City is required to match the grant with \$13,762 of local money.

As of June 30, 1998, the City had received \$37,787 from the COPS Grant, with \$10,944 of that amount being received in the current year. The revenue from this grant was deposited in the General Fund and the additional expense of hiring another police officer was included in the police department expenditures.

Note 7. Compensated Absences

Employees must be full-time, permanent employees to accrue vacation leave. The vacation year is defined as the calendar year. To accrue vacation leave, the anniversary date for all employees is the first day of the calendar year following their first full calendar year of employment with the City. All full-time employees are entitled to vacation leave for a full calendar year of continuous city service at the rate of:

1-3 years5 working days4-9 years10 working days10 years or more15 working days

It is impractical to estimate the amount of compensation for future absences, and, accordingly, no liability has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements. The City's policy is to recognize the cost of compensated absences when actually paid to employees.

Note 8. Misappropriated Funds

For the year ended June 30, 1998, the City failed to maintain adequate controls to safeguard assets, which resulted in the misappropriation of cash. The amount of cash misappropriated for each fund is listed as follows:

General Fund	\$20,901
Water Works Fund	6,668
Sewer System Fund	5,394
Cemetery Fund	800
Total	<u>\$33,763</u>

Note 9. Subsequent Events

On June 2, 1998, the Guthrie City Council adopted a resolution approving a lease for the financing of the Guthrie Natural Gas System project. The lease directs the trustee to invest all moneys held in the Lease Acquisition Account to complete the project as planned pursuant to the instructions of Ross, Sinclaire and Associates, Inc., the program administrator. The \$720,000 lease was entered into on November 19, 1998, at an average rate of 5.37%. Payments are due and payable semi-annually on May 20 and November 20, beginning May 20, 1999 and ending November 20, 2028.

Note 10. Year 2000 Issue

The Year 2000 issue is the result of shortcomings in many electronic data processing systems and other electronic equipment that may adversely affect the government's operations as early as fiscal year 1999.

The City has identified one computer system and other electronic equipment that may be affected by the Year 2000 issue and that are necessary to conducting the City's operations. This system has completed the remediation phase and is in the validation\testing phase. The validation\testing is to be completed by in-house staff; therefore, there are no outside contracted amounts for this project as of June 30, 1998.

Because of the unprecedented nature of the Year 2000 issue, its effects and the success of related remediation efforts will not be fully determinable until the Year 2000 and thereafter. Management cannot assure that the City is or will be Year 2000 ready, nor that the City's remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with whom the City does business will be Year 2000 ready.

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CITY OF GUTHRIE SCHEDULE OF CURRENT EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT-GENERAL FUND

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

<u>Categories</u>	Adn	ninistration	-	Police	Fire Street		Street	Totals		
Salaries:										
Salaries and Wages	\$	26,797	\$	117,897	\$		\$		\$	144,694
Employee Benefits		36,226		4,816						41,042
Travel/Training		2,595		2,184						4,779
Office Supplies		8,640								8,640
Other Supplies		2,748		4,424		3,926				11,098
Janitorial Supplies		1,784								1,784
Equipment Maintenance		16,137		250						16,387
Dues and Subscriptions		361								361
Advertising and Printing		1,232		14						1,246
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair				4,922		1,479				6,401
Motor Fuel				4,989						4,989
Professional Services		5,139								5,139
PVA for Tax Assessments		250								250
Insurance		24,382								24,382
Telephone		7,198		2,485		313				9,996
Utilities		17,865				2,282		1,052		21,199
Planning Commission		6,000								6,000
Dispatching				2,841						2,841
Street Improvement Materials								956		956
Contractual Services		800						750		1,550
Contributions		4,055				2,500				6,555
Miscellaneous		9,767		2,652		21		92		12,532
Totals	\$	171,976	\$	147,474	\$	10,521	\$	2,850	\$	332,821

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

Damana	Local Governmen Economic Municipal Assistance					Tatala	
Revenues		Aid		⁷ und	Totals		
State of Kentucky Interest Income	\$	25,401 154	\$	844	\$	26,245 154	
Total Revenues	\$	25,555	\$	844	\$	26,399	
<u>Expenditures</u>							
Current: Street Maintenance							
and Paving	\$	3,385	\$		\$	3,385	
Equipment Maintenance		253				253	
Landscaping		184				184	
Miscellaneous		103				103	
Fire Protection				844		844	
Total Expenditures	\$	3,925	\$	844	\$	4,769	
Excess of Revenue Over (Under)							
Expenditures	\$	21,630	\$		\$	21,630	
Fund Balance July 1, 1997		26,048			\$	26,048	
Fund Balance June 30, 1998	\$	47,678	\$	0	\$	47,678	

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES

June 30, 1998

	Sewer						Totals		
	Water Works			System		nitation	(Memorandum		
<u>Assets</u>		Fund		Fund		Fund	Only)		
Current Assets:									
Current Assets: Cash	\$	6,434	\$	10,074	\$	690	\$	17 109	
Accounts Receivable	Ф	13,675	Ф	15,360	Þ	5,034	Ф	17,198 34,069	
Other Receivables						3,034 16			
Claims Filed/Bonding		1,776		1,722		10		3,514	
Company		2,083		3,502				5,585	
Due from Other Funds		15,000		20,496		4,110		39,606	
Total Current Assets	\$	38,968	\$	51,154	\$	9,850	\$	99,972	
Restricted Assets:									
Bonds Sinking Fund					_				
Cash	\$		\$	2,105	\$		\$	2,105	
Interest Receivable		469						469	
Depreciation Fund -									
Cash		3,447						3,447	
Investments	-	134,632		121,113			-	255,745	
Total Restricted									
Assets	\$	138,548	\$	123,218	\$	0	\$	261,766	
Fixed Assets:	Ф		Ф	070	Ф		ф	070	
Easements	\$		\$	870	\$		\$	870	
Plant and Lines		770,145	3	3,307,830			4	,077,975	
Equipment		40,428		28,446				68,874	
Trash Compactor				20,299				20,299	
Construction in									
Progress				282,155				282,155	
Total Fixed Assets	\$	810,573	\$ 3	3,639,600	\$		\$ 4	,450,173	
Less Accumulated									
Depreciation		472,905	1	,340,536			1	,813,441	
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Net Fixed Assets	\$	337,668	\$ 2	2,299,064		0	\$ 2	,636,732	
Total Assets	\$	515,184	\$ 2	2,473,436	\$	9,850	\$ 2	,998,470	

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES June 30, 1998 (Continued)

<u>Liabilities</u>	Water Works Fund		Sewer System Fund		Sanitation Fund		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Current Liabilities: (Payable from Current								
Assets)								
Accounts Payable	\$	104	\$	52	\$	62	\$	218
Payroll Taxes		6,137		1,620		143		7,900
Sales Tax		351		(2,465)				(2,114)
Customer Deposits		59,586		. , ,				59,586
Due To Other Funds		12,700		13,252				25,952
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Totals	\$	78,878	\$	12,459	\$	205	\$	91,542
Current Liabilities (Payable from Restricted Assets):								
Revenue Bonds Payable Accrued Interest on	\$		\$	8,000	\$		\$	8,000
Bond Indebtedness				6,479				6,479
Totals	\$		\$	14,479	\$		\$	14,479
Total Current Liabilities	\$	78,878	\$	26,938	\$	205	\$	106,021
Long-Term Liabilities: Kentucky Area Development								
Capital Lease	\$		\$	300,000	\$		\$	300,000
Revenue Bonds Payable	·		·	303,000			·	303,000
Total	\$		\$	603,000	\$		\$	603,000
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Total Liabilities	\$	78,878	\$	629,938	\$	205	\$	709,021

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES June 30, 1998 (Continued)

Fund Equity	Water Works Fund		Sewer System Fund	Sanitation Fund		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Contributed Capital: Grants in Aid of Construction	\$		\$ 2,931,293	\$		\$ 2,931,293	
Retained Earnings:							
Reserved- Bond Sinking Fund Depreciation Fund		159,347	(947,547) 53,567			(947,547) 212,914	
Unreserved		276,959	(193,815)		9,645	92,789	
Total Fund Equity	\$	436,306	\$ 1,843,498	\$	9,645	\$ 2,289,449	
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$	515,184	\$ 2,473,436	\$	9,850	\$ 2,998,470	

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS – ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES – UNRESERVED FUNDS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

Operating Revenues	Water Works Fund		Sewer System Fund		Sanitation Fund		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Charges for Services Tap-on Fees	\$	155,108 1,800	\$	160,913 2,750	\$	56,880	\$	372,901 4,550
Sale of Bulk Water		972						972
Sprinkler Charges		441		200				441
Other Revenue Sanitation Fees		1,533		200		1 000		1,733
Samuation Fees						1,998		1,998
Total Revenues	\$	159,854	\$	163,863	\$	58,878	\$	382,595
Operating Expenditures								
Salaries and Wages	\$	79,898	\$	45,121	\$	2,600	\$	127,619
Employee Benefits		5,608		7,534				13,142
Advertising Expense		467						467
Professional Services		1,845						1,845
Well Lease		460						460
Gas and Oil		1,899		3,365				5,264
Office Supplies		2,873		1,200				4,073
Dues and Publications		249						249
Materials and Supplies		936		1,134		1,599		3,669
Chemicals		4,890		158				5,048
Lab Testing and Supplies		1,226		4,903				6,129
Insurance		102						102
Maintenance and Repairs Landfill Charges/Garbage		29,194		15,547				44,741
Disposal				1,446		52,846		54,292
Contractual Services		1,233		1,110		32,010		1,233
Utilities Utilities		8,625		14,408		720		23,753
Education/Training		951		347		720		1,298
Travel		44		317				44
Other Expenses		2,190		11,224				13,414
Unallowable Expenditures		6,408		5,824				12,232
Depreciation Depreciation		23,296		0,02.				23,296
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Total Operating Expenditures	\$	172,394	\$	112,211	\$	57,765	\$	342,370
Operating Income	\$	(12,540)	\$	51,652	\$	1,113	\$	40,225

CITY OF GUTHRIE
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS – ALL
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES – UNRESERVED FUNDS
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998
(Continued)

Nonoperating Revenues	Wa	ter Works Fund	 Sewer System Fund	Sa	nnitation Fund	(Me	Totals emorandum Only)
Interest	\$		\$ 5,095	\$		\$	5,095
Total Nonoperating Revenues	\$		\$ 5,095	\$		\$	5,095
Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers	\$	(12,540)	\$ 56,747	\$	1,113	\$	45,320
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Transfer to Sinking Fund - Capital Expenditures Transfer to Sinking Fund	\$	(20,456)	\$ (161,550) (40,567)	\$		\$	(182,006) (40,567)
Transfer to Depreciation Fund		(5,700)					(5,700)
Transfer to Municipal Road Aid Transfer to General Fund Transfer from General Fund		(100) (7,145) 11,000	(100) (60,500) 5,200				(200) (67,645) 16,200
Transfer from Water Depreciation Fund		17,176					17,176
Transfer from Sewer Sinking Fund Transfer from					4,500		4,500
Municipal Road Aid Expenses Paid for			500				500
Other Funds			 17,053		4,012		21,065
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$	(5,225)	\$ (239,964)	\$	8,512	\$	(236,677)
Net Income		(17,765)	(183,217)		9,625		(191,357)
Retained Earnings July 1, 1997		294,724	(10,598)		20		284,146
Retained Earnings June 30, 1998	\$	276,959	\$ (193,815)	\$	9,645	\$	92,789

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS – WATER WORKS SYSTEM - RESERVED FUNDS

For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

Revenues	De	preciation Fund
Interest Income	\$	7,106
Total Revenues	\$	7,106
Expenses	\$	0
Income (Loss) Before		
Operating Transfers	\$	7,106
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Transfer to Operations and Maintenance		
Fund - Capital Expenditures Transfer from Operations and Maintenance Fund Transfer to Water Fund Transfer to General Fund	\$	20,456 5,700 (17,176) (9,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$	(20)
Net Income (Loss)	\$	7,086
Retained Earnings - July 1, 1997		152,261
Retained Earnings - June 30, 1998	\$	159,347

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS-SEWER SYSTEM - RESERVED FUNDS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

Revenues		Sinking Fund		Depreciation Fund	
Interest Income	\$	127	\$	2,810	
Total Revenues	\$	127	\$	2,810	
<u>Expenses</u>					
Depreciation Interest Expense	\$	93,609 30,457	\$		
Total Expenses	\$	124,066	\$	0	
Income (Loss) Before Operating Transfers	\$	(123,939)	\$	2,810	
Other Financing Sources (Uses): Capital Expenditures by	\$		\$	2,010	
Operations and Maintenance Fund Transfer From Operations and Maintenance Fund Transfer to Operations and Maintenance Transfer to General Fund		161,550 40,567 (4,500) (6,900)			
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$	190,717	\$	0_	
Net Income (Loss)	\$	66,778	\$	2,810	
Retained Earnings - July 1, 1997	\$	(1,014,325)		50,757	
Retained Earnings - June 30, 1998	\$	(947,547)	\$	53,567	



COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CITY OF GUTHRIE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS

1) The City Should Have Required Depository Institutions To Pledge Additional Securities Of \$143,270 As Collateral And Entered Into A Written Agreement To Protect Deposits

The City's deposits were adequately secured as of June 30, 1998. However, during the month of July 1997, the city had uncollateralized funds totaling \$143,270. Under the provisions of KRS 66.480(1)(d) and KRS 41.240(4), banks are required to provide pledges of securities for time savings and demand deposits if either exceeds the \$100,000 amount of insurance coverage provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The city should require the depository institution to pledge sufficient securities as collateral to insure deposits at all times. We also recommend the city enter into a written agreement with the depository institution. This agreement, signed by both parties, must be sufficient to create an enforceable and perfected security interest in the collateral under Kentucky law. According to federal law, 12 U.S.C.A. § 1823(e), this agreement should be (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution.

Management's Response:

I have contacted Ed Stack at the Elkton Bank and Trust Co. and will arrange to have all funds secured in writing.

2) The City Failed To Maintain Adequate Controls To Safeguard Assets

The City failed to maintain adequate controls to safeguard assets resulting in the misappropriation thereof. There was no segregation of duties with regard to the employee performing cash receipts and disbursements functions. Check preparation and signing was initiated and completed by one employee, with no review or approval from an individual independent of those duties. Based on our previous report, total misappropriated funds for fiscal years 1997 and 1998 were \$69,409. Our current financial statements include misappropriated cash for each fund as follows:

General Fund	\$20,901
Water Works Fund	6,668
Sewer System Fund	5,394
Cemetery Fund	800
Total	\$33,763

Management's Response:

The misappropriated funds were the actions of a former clerk. She has been relieved of her duties and has made restitution through Todd County Circuit Court.

3) The City Should Follow Proper Bidding Procedures.

KRS 45A.343 – KRS 45A.460 permits a city to adopt the Model Procurement Code for governing purchasing procedures. We were unable to determine that the City had adopted the code. KRS 424.260 requires all cities not under the Model Procurement Code to advertise for bids all nonperishable supplies and all nonprofessional services in excess of \$10,000. Purchases over \$10,000 may be made through state price contracts without bidding. Also purchases under \$10,000 should follow small purchase procedures. We noted that the City entered into a lease for a police car for \$13,559. The City indicated that this purchase was made under the state price contract; however, the vendor was not the vendor who held the state price contract. We recommend the City make sure what vendor holds the state price contract in the future and that they purchase only from that vendor or properly advertise for bids as provided for in KRS 424.260.

Management's Response:

Currently our attorney advises against a procurement code. We are now "online" and will check vendors against state contract list for confirmation.

4) The City Should Discontinue The Practice Of Making Loans To Employees

KRS 61.250 – 61.280 prohibits any city "officer" to be interested in any contract with the city or doing any work or furnishing any supplies. This would include receiving loans from the City. It was noted during the audit that making loans to various individuals was a common practice. The former City Clerk received an unauthorized loan of \$2,000 and the Mayor was paying the City for the purchase of two guns, which were purchased by the City. We recommend this practice be discontinued.

Management's Response:

Done – this practice was done unknowingly. Has been discontinued.

5) The City Should Reimburse The Municipal Aid Fund For General Operating Expenses

KRS 177.369 requires municipal aid funds to be expended solely for road and streets. There was \$37,832 transferred to other funds during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998. Only \$500 of this was returned to the Municipal Road Aid Fund and \$2,850 was expended for streets in the General Fund. Therefore, \$34,482 appears to have been spent on general operating expenses. We recommend the Municipal Road Aid Fund be reimbursed for these expenditures.

Management's Response:

This will be refunded upon receipt of monies from bonding company.

6) The City Should File The Uniform Financial Information Report In A Timely Manner

KRS 65.905 requires all cities, counties, and special taxing districts to annually complete a uniform financial information report and submit the report to the Department for Local Government by February 1 following the close of the fiscal year. This was not performed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997. However, the report was completed after the February 1 date for fiscal year ending June 30, 1998.

Management's Response:

Due to the confusion in the Clerk's office this was an oversight. I have spoken with Department of Local Government and will correct as soon as possible.

7) The City Should Maintain Proper Accounting Records That Will Produce a Complete Set of Financial Statements

During our audit, a significant amount of time (approximately 60 hours) was spent reclassifying and posting accounting information. Another 40 hours was spent reconciling the balances from the previous audit to your system. It appears adjustments were made to the system, which did not agree to the audit report. Some items could not be reconciled. In the future, no one should make entries to your system except for the clerks. Any adjustments, accruals, or corrections can be provided to the clerk for entry. Also, the accounting system should be set up to reflect the accounts as they are budgeted. At the present time, it is impossible to determine if a particular account or fund is being overspent. It is understood that the present clerk is in the process of correcting this. Also, the system allows you to design your own financial statements. It would be wise to have this done, rather than using the standard forms provided by the computer. When the auditor arrives to audit, the City should be able to provide a complete set of financial statements. This would significantly reduce audit time and therefore audit cost. It should also make the system less susceptible to manipulation.

Management's Response:

Our City Clerk, Faye Shamblin is an experienced accountant and is working to establish more concise reports.

8) The City Should Improve Its Policies and Procedures To Improve Controls Over The City's Operations

Based on our observation of the City's operations, we recommend:

 The City should begin a purchase order system using pre-numbered purchase order forms for authorization of all purchases. These should be presented to the City Council each month and approved prior to payment.

Management's Response:

This has been done using our Quickbooks Pro System.

 The City should issue pre-numbered receipts (in triplicate) for all funds received. One copy should be given to the customer, one copy batched daily with a daily checkout sheet, and one copy should remain in the receipt book.

Management's Response:

This has been done.

 All receipts should be deposited daily and the total deposit should agree to the daily checkout sheet.

Management's Response:

This has been done.

 No documents should be signed until they are complete, such as checks, purchase orders, leave slips, and overtime requests.

Management's Response:

This has been done.

• The City needs to establish written personnel policies. It needs to improve the employee payroll records. These records should include signed timecards, approved leave slips, and approved overtime authorization slips, W-4s, and K-4s for all employees.

Management's Response:

This has been done and approved by the City Council.

- 8) The City Should Improve Its Policies and Procedures To Improve Controls Over The City's Operations (Continued)
- The City Clerk should present a detailed monthly report to the City Council. This should include a bank reconciliation, which agrees to the report. These documents should be approved by the Council and should be recorded in the minutes.

Management's Response:

This has been done.

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

The City Failed To Maintain Adequate Controls To Safeguard Assets

The City failed to maintain adequate controls to safeguard assets, resulting in the misappropriation of assets. There was no segregation of duties with regard to the employee performing cash receipts and disbursements functions. Check preparation and signing was initiated and completed by one employee, with no review or approval from an individual independent of those duties.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS



Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Honorable Scott Marshall, Mayor Members of the Guthrie City Council

> Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

We have audited the financial statements of the City of Guthrie, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended, June 30, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated May 14, 1999. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Guthrie's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> which are described in the accompanying Comments and Recommendations.

- The City Should Have Required Depository Institutions To Pledge Additional Securities Of \$143,270 As Collateral And Entered Into A Written Agreement To Protect Deposits
- The City Should Follow Proper Bidding Procedures
- The City Should Reimburse The Municipal Aid Fund For General Operating Expenses

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City of Guthrie's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the City of Guthrie's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying Comments and Recommendations.

• The City Failed To Maintain Adequate Controls To Safeguard Assets

Honorable Scott Marshall, Mayor Members of the Guthrie City Council Report On Compliance And On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based On An Audit Of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards (Continued)

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we consider the reportable conditions listed above and described in the accompanying Comments and Recommendations to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of management. However, this report, upon release by the Auditor of Public Accounts, is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward B. Hatchett, Jr. Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed - May 14, 1999

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

CITY OF GUTHRIE

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

CITY OF GUTHRIE, KENTUCKY

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1998

The City of Guthrie, Kentucky hereby certifies that assistance received from the Local Government Economic Assistance Fund was expended for the purpose intended, as dictated by the applicable Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Name

Name / City Clerk